GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:135
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PULSES AND EDIBLE OILS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gap between demand and supply of pulses, edible oils and other such commodities has led to rising prices and further dependence on imports of these commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of production, demand, import and prices of the aforesaid commodities during the last two years and the current year;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the domestic availability and to keep prices under control; and

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to supply the aforesaid commodities to the consumers at subsidised rates and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI. RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

(a) & (b): India is not self sufficient in the production of pulses and edible oils and the shortage in availability is met through imports. As import prices are based on international prices, it can lead to rise in prices of these items.

(c): The details of production and import of pulses and edible oils are as follows:

Year	Pulses		Edible Oils	
	Production	Import	Production	Import
	(Figures in million tonnes)		(Figures in lakh tonnes)	
2011-12	17.09	3.58	297.99	99.43
2012-13	18.34	4.02	307.24	106.05
2013-14	19.57#	3.66	324.14#	51.41

#As per Third Advance Estimates for 2013-14
from November 2013-April 2014 (DGCIS)

As per Planning Commission's XII Five Year Plan (2012-17), for the terminal year of 2016-17 the projected demand estimates for pulses and edible oils are 22 million tonnes and 59 million tonnes respectively.

The details of retail prices of pulses and edible oils for the last two years and the current year are given at Annexure I

(d): Details are enclosed at Annexure-II

(e): No such proposal is under consideration.